

Polly Wanna Aspirin

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Comedy sketch opens with the image of a NY Daily News headline, “NEW YORK CITY PARROTS STRICKEN WITH NEW ILLNESS, VETS WANNA RAISE”

SCENE: A New York City subway car, passengers each looking straight ahead, all the occupants having parrots in covered cages on their laps. NOTE: Letter “P” indicates character is a parrot; “M” indicates a man; “F” a woman.

PBS: Couldja just move a scoche to the left?

FB: Okay. (moving to the left)

PBS: A scoche to the left, ahhh!

FB: Yes, well I already –

MB: Oh I’m sorry, that’s my parrot. Gotta take him to the vet.

FB: Your – oh! (ha-ha-ha) I thought you were asking me to- I see. Yeah, me too.

PBS: Ooh,ooh!

MB: Ha-ha, yeah, he, uh... (MB and FB smile at each other, then resume looking straight ahead)

PNB: Give it to me! Give it to me!

MB: I’m sorry? (FB points at her parrot cage, smiling with a hint of embarrassment; MB, getting it, also points at her cage and laughs. They both smile at each other again, and again resume looking forward.

PNB: Ooh... ooh- ooooooooooh!

PBS: I want it now!

PNB: Ooooooh!

PBS: Now! I want it now!

PCB: That hand! Whatta hand! Oh that hand!

PQG: Gimme some sweat!

PRN: That’s what you want! That’s what you want!

PER: Let’s get some pizza! Pizza! Pizza!

Everyone in the subway car shoots PER’s owner, MN, a look, then they all smile at each other like, what an idiot MN is.

The other parrots resume the sex talk, as their owners point proudly at their parrot cages when their parrot says something particularly hot, the others in the car nodding and smiling their approval. The parrot phrases eventually develop into things pro and anti Bernie, Hillary, Trump and Cruz. The parrot owners dart angry looks at each other over many of the remarks. The subway car stops, two of the owners departing the car with their pro-Hillary / anti-Bernie talking parrot and pro-Bernie / anti-Hillary talking parrot. The subway car becomes quiet a moment. Then the parrots resume, reverting back to their sex talk. This time the parrot owners are not smiling.

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